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USING THE SAME :

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is requested that the references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified application and be made of record therein.

Copies of the references were previously cited by and/or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in related Application No. 09/255,583, filed February 22, 1999 (the "prior application"). The present application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the filing date of the prior application. Therefore, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the U.S. Patent references are not enclosed, but will be provided on request. However, copies of the foreign patent references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Independent consideration and acknowledgment of the listed references are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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